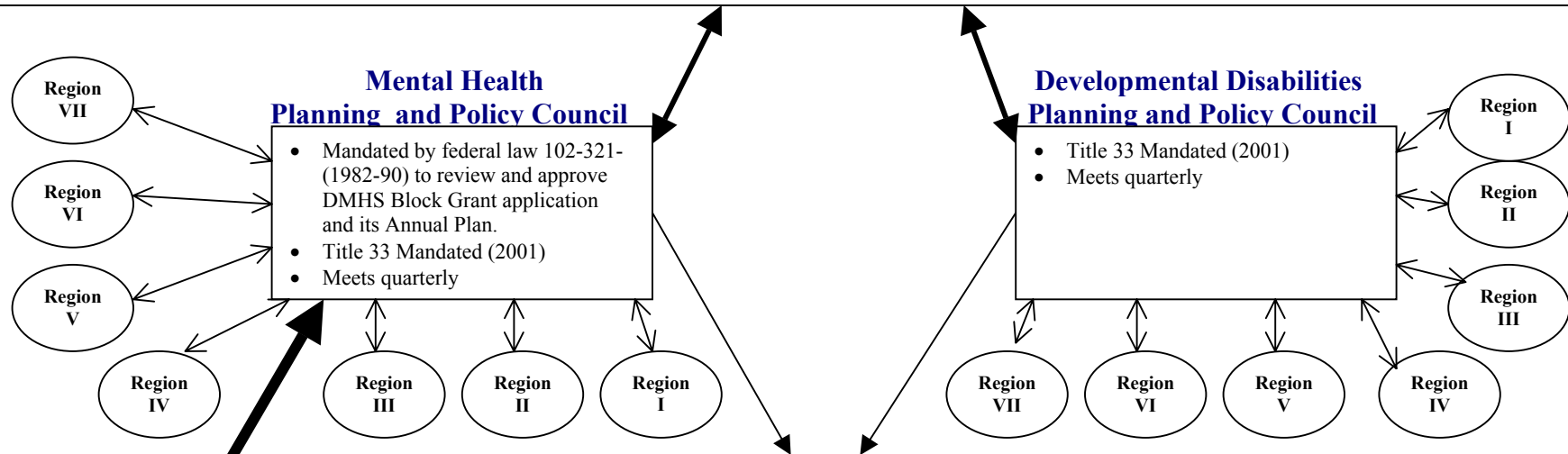


TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

PLANNING AND POLICY COUNCIL STRUCTURE

TDMHDD Planning and Policy Council

- Title 33 mandated (2001)
- Meets quarterly
- **PURPOSE:** *Assists in planning a comprehensive array of high quality prevention, early intervention, treatment, and habilitation services and support; advises the department on plans and policy, budget requests, and developing and evaluating services and support; recommends legislation and appropriations for MHDD programs; advocates for and publicizes the needs of people with mental illness, serious emotional disturbance or developmental disabilities and their families.*



TennCare Partners Roundtable

- Established in 1996 as a Mental Health Planning and Policy Council sub-committee. In 1997 combined with a short-term group established by Governor Don Sundquist to recommend changes to the Partners Program.
- Meets monthly
- Reports directly to Mental Health Planning and Policy Council and reports to CMS and the Governor via the Annual Report; reports indirectly to the DMHDD Planning and Policy Council via the Executive Committee
- **PURPOSE:** *Monitors and evaluates TennCare Partners under the Medicaid Waiver by determining the appropriateness of system service provision in the least restrictive environment. Provides a forum that recognizes best practices in the system, makes recommendations for needs and improvements and identifies barriers to quality service provision. Monitors the goals outlined in the EPSDT consent decree.*